

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] Injector body 12 further includes an opening 26 which opens into lumen 14. Opening or “IOL loading bay” 26 accepts an IOL 30 therein for delivery of the IOL out distal tip 18a. In one possible embodiment, device 10 includes an IOL retainer 40 (Figs. 3A-E) used for loading the IOL 30 into loading bay 26. Retainer 40 will be described herein in relation to injector device 10 for purposes of description, it being understood other IOL loading methods may be employed (including simply placing IOL 30 in loading bay 26 with a pair of forceps, for example). The retainer 40 and another embodiment of an IOL retainer are seen in commonly owned co-pending application numbers 10/651,785 and ~~(will fill in CIP serial number of ‘785 when known)~~ 10/813,862, both of which are incorporated by reference herein. As explained in more detail in these copending applications, retainer 40 and IOL 30 may be coupled and packaged together or coupled to and packaged with an injector device 12 such that the surgeon or nurse need not handle and/or manipulate the IOL directly when loading the IOL 30 into the device 10.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] Prior to removing retainer 40, closing drawer 60 and compressing the IOL 30 inside the injector body, it may be desirable to apply viscoelastic to the area surrounding the IOL 30 to ease delivery of the IOL through the injector body. This is a common practice in the industry and the amount and location of viscoelastic application varies according to the instructions for use provided with the device as well as the desires of the surgeon. In any event, in a preferred embodiment, one or more viscoelastic access ports are provided on the injector device to facilitate application of the viscoelastic in the area of the IOL. One or more access ports P₁ may thus be provided in the form of a through-hole in stripper finger 50. The access port P₁ is accessible via an injection nozzle inserted into visco port P₁. Port P₁ also acts to stabilize optic 31 as it is being stripped from retainer 40 as described more fully in copending application serial number ~~10/813,862~~. Alternatively or in addition to access ports P₁, one or more access ports P₂ may be provided at any desired location through the wall of tip 18 (see Figs. 3B-D). Alternatively or in addition to visco ports P₁ and P₂, visco may be applied in loading bay 26 at the openings P₃ and P₄ defined between the optic and haptic support elements of retainer 40

(see Fig. 3A). Once the viscoelastic has been applied as desired, retainer 40 is removed and the compressor drawer 60 is moved to the fully closed position whereupon the IOL optic 31 is compressed and ready for delivery through a small incision formed in an eye. The fully closed position of compressor drawer 60 and compressed position of the IOL 30 is seen in Figure 3D as described above. Compressor drawer 60 is slidably received between cooperatively formed drawer slides 61a, 61b extending laterally from injector body 12 adjacent opening 26. Detents or other features (not shown) may be provided on the facing surfaces of drawer slides 61a, 61b and compressor drawer 60 to assist in maintaining drawer 60 in the fully open and mid-way positions, respectively. Such drawer holding features are especially useful in preventing unintentional sliding and /or complete closing of compressor drawer 60 prior to the time needed (e.g., during storage or opening of device 10 from its associated packaging).